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Listing of Claims

1. (currently presented) A method for generating an encrypted
    user data stream, which has a header and a user data block,
5   comprising:

    generating the header; and

    generating the user data block, which follows the header, by
10   means of the following substeps:

        using the first part of the user data as an unencrypted
        start section for the user data block, the unencrypted
        start section remaining unencrypted;
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        encrypting a second part of user data which follows the
        first part of the user data to obtain encrypted user
        data; and

20   appending the encrypted user data to the unencrypted
        start section,

    wherein the unencrypted start section of the user data is
    placed immediately after the header.
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2. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
    wherein the step of generating the header includes the fol-
    lowing substep:

30   entering the length of the unencrypted start section in the
        header.

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3.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the second
       part does not comprise all the user data to be encrypted and
       wherein the step of generating the user data block includes
       the following substep:

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       appending a third part of user data to be encrypted, which
       follow the second part, to the encrypted user data of the
       second part, the user data of the third part being unen-
       crypted.

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4.   (previously presented) A method according to claim 1,
       wherein the step of generating the header includes the fol-
       lowing substep:

15   entering the length of the encrypted user data of the second
       part which are encrypted, in the header.

5.   (previously presented) A method according to claim 3,
       wherein the step of generating the header also includes the
20   following substep:

       entering the sum of the length of the encrypted user data,
       which correspond to the second part, and the length of the
       third part of the unencrypted user data in the header.

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6.   (currently amended) A method for playing back an encrypted
       user data stream, which has a header and a user data block,
       where an unencrypted start section of the user data block,
       which is placed immediately after the header, ~~contain~~com-
30   prises the first part of the user data in an unencrypted
       form and where a further section of the user data block ~~con-~~
       ~~tain~~comprises a second part of the user data in an encrypted

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form, where the header ~~contains~~ comprises information which is ~~sufficient~~ absolutely necessary ~~to~~ for playing back the unencrypted start section of the user data block and where the header ~~contains~~ also comprises information which is not

5   needed to play back the unencrypted start section of the user data block, comprising:

initially processing only the information of the header which is ~~sufficient to play~~ absolutely necessary for playing

10   back the unencrypted start section of the user data block; and

playing back the unencrypted start section of the user data block.

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7.   (previously presented) A method according to claim 6, which also includes the following steps:

processing the information of the header which is not

20   needed to play back the unencrypted start section;

decrypting the further section of the user data block using the information of the header which is processed in the step of processing; and

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playing back the encrypted user data of the further section of the user data block.

8.   (previously presented) A method according to claim 7,

30   wherein the step of processing the information of the header which is not needed to play back the unencrypted start section is performed concurrently with the playing

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back of the unencrypted start section.

9.   (original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the length
of the unencrypted start section of the user data block is

5   between 1 and 60 seconds.

10. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein
the user data to be encrypted are coded and wherein the in-
formation which is needed for playing back ~~contains~~ com-

10   prises an entry specifying the type of coding/decoding
method.

11. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user
data are audio and/or video data.

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12. (previously presented) A device for generating an encrypted
user data stream, which has a header and a user data block,
comprising:

20   a unit for generating the header; and

a unit for generating the user data block, which follows the
header, with the following features:

25   a unit for using the first part of the user data as an
unencrypted start section for the user data block, the
unencrypted start section remaining unencrypted;

a unit for encrypting a second part of the user data
30   which follows the first part to obtain encrypted user
data; and

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a unit for appending the encrypted user data to the unencrypted start section,

wherein the unencrypted start section of the user data is placed immediately after the header.

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13. (currently amended) A device for playing back an encrypted user data stream, which has a header and a user data block, where an unencrypted start section of the user data block, which is placed immediately after the header, ~~contains~~ comprises the first part of the user data in an unencrypted form and where a further section of the user data block ~~contain~~comprises a second part of the user data in an encrypted form, where the header ~~contain~~comprises information which is ~~sufficient~~ absolutely necessary ~~to~~ for playing back the unencrypted start section of the user data block and where the header also ~~contain~~comprises information which is not needed to play back the unencrypted start section of the user data block, comprising:

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a unit for initially processing only the information of the header which ~~is sufficient to play~~ absolutely necessary for playing back the unencrypted start section of the user data block; and

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a unit for playing back the unencrypted start section of the user data block in response to the unit for processing.

14. (previously presented) A device according to claim 13, which
30 further comprises:

a unit for processing the information of the header which

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is not needed to play back the unencrypted start section;

a unit for decrypting the further section of the user data
block using the information of the header which is processed
5   by the unit for processing; and

a unit for playing back the encrypted user data of the fur-
ther section of the user data block.

10 15.   (previously presented) A device according to claim 14,
           wherein the unit for processing the information of the
           header which is not needed to play back the unencrypted
           start section is designed to be operated concurrently to the
           unit for playing back the unencrypted start section.
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    16.   (original) A device according to claim 13 which is imple-
           mented as a stereo system, hifi unit, solid state player, a
           playback unit with a hard disk or CD ROM, or a computer.

20 17.   (original) A device according to claim 12, wherein the user
           data are audio and/or video data.

    18.   (cancelled)

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